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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Michel Bessodes et al.) Group Art Unit: 1646
Application No.: 09/972,854)
Filed: October 10, 2001) Examiner: Not yet assigned
For: ACID-SENSITIVE COMPOUNDS,)
THEIR PREPARATION AND USES)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Before examining this application on the merits, please amend it as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 1, please insert the following new paragraph:

--This application claims benefit of priority of U.S. provisional application
60/239,116, filed October 11, 2000, which is incorporated by reference herein. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-16 and 30-38 without prejudice or disclaimer to the
subject matter contained therein.

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